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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Sanitary conditions in Oakland and San Francisco, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, May 7, as follows:

The health of refugees in camps in San Francisco so far has been good. There have been 12 cases of typhoid fever in a camp on the Presidio Reservation. Cards have been conspicuously posted in all camps requesting that water and milk be boiled before using. Concentration to healthful suburban sites is the plan for permanent residents.

Every effort is being made by the water company to supply an abundance of pure water to the unburned portions of the city. Certain sections of the burned district will also have a supply as soon as the mains

which were destroyed by the earthquake can be repaired.

I visited Oakland and Berkeley again on the 5th instant and found conditions in the camps very much improved. Sites with water and sewer connections have been chosen in nearly every instance. At these stations, as in San Francisco, a constant movement of the people is noticeable, some moving out and others moving in. In Berkeley refugees have been required by Health Officer Reinhardt to take a bath before being assigned to quarters in the tents on the university grounds and in the gymnasia. About 3,700 whites and 700 Chinese receive daily relief in Berkeley. Doctor Reinhardt informed me that 2 cases of typhoid fever had developed among the Chinese since the 1st instant.

At least 3 more cases of smallpox have been found among the refugees in Oakland, one of which came from the well-appointed camp at Adams Point. Vaccination is being enforced by Health Officer Eweer wherever the disease is found.

Report from Eastport, Me.—Smallpox on Canadian border.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Small reports, May 7, as follows:

Thirteen cases of smallpox were reported yesterday at Upper Mills, New Brunswick, opposite Baring, Me., and only 5 miles from the city of Calais.

In one group of cases the infection was probably imported from a

lumber camp.

Since my last report 2 new cases have developed at Richardsonville, Deer Island, New Brunswick, making a total of 3 cases all in one house. Woolen goods shipped from Toronto are supposed to have contained the infection. The cases are mild.

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